IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In re application of: Group Art Unit No.: 2152

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For: DETERMINING THE PARTICIPANTS IN A
       DISTRIBUTED OPERATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

     This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2002, the shortened statutory

period for which runs until September 3, 2002. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10 and 20, as follows.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, and 19 as follows.

1   1.   (Amended) A method of determining participants of a distributed operation in a

2   distributed system, the method comprising the steps of:

3   registering in a name service participant data that identifies a plurality of participants that

4   are participating in said distributed operation;

5   wherein said distributed operation is a unit of work involving said plurality of

6   participants;